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WASHINGTON, March 19, 1992 -- Cumulative 1992 carloadings are steadily pulling away from last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Every week of 1992 has seen an increase in cumulative carloadings over 1991, with an average increase of 3.1 percent. Cumulative carloadings for the first 11 weeks of 1992 totaled 3,480,106, up 1.5 percent from the comparable 1991 period.

The railroads reporting account for about 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 14 totaled 320,434, up 1.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 0.2 percent from the preceding week. Carloadings originated were up 2.9 percent in the East and down 0.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 125,246 trailers and containers, up 7.8 percent from 1991. The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 11 weeks of 1992 was 1,327,021 trailers and containers, 4.5 percent above the comparable 1991 total.

Estimated ton-miles for the week ended March 14 totaled 20.7 billion, up 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1992 was an estimated 224.1 billion ton-miles, up 4.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,352	28,086	4.5 %	30,669	-4.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,704	1,425	19.6	1,624	4.9
Metallic Ores	11,856	11,261	5.3	13,850	-14.4
Coal	123,063	127,617	-3.6	119,719	2.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,276	11,317	-0.4	11,301	-0.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,201	8,264	-0.8	8,029	2.1
Grain Mill Products	9,941	9,974	-0.3	10,375	-4.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,293	9,225	0.7	9,063	2.5
Primary Forest Products	8,865	9,649	-8.1	9,126	-2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,137	5,592	9.7	5,897	4.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,313	10,160	1.5	10,428	-1.1
Chemicals	28,923	28,340	2.1	29,969	-3.5
Petroleum Products	5,032	4,302	17.0	4,635	8.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,650	9,052	-4.4	8,808	-1.8
Coke	5,104	4,450	14.7	5,227	-2.4
Metals & Products	9,788	9,357	4.6	10,056	-2.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,877	13,841	29.2	17,526	2.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,498	8,224	3.3	8,391	1.3
All Other Carloads	6,561	6,676	-1.7	6,353	3.3
Total	**320,434**	**316,812**	**1.1 %**	**321,046**	**-0.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 11 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 14, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	320,434	316,812	1.1 %	3,480,106	3,429,337	1.5 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	61,649	61,305	0.6	646,206	659,092	-2.0
Containers	63,597	54,842	16.0	680,815	611,066	11.4
Total	125,246	116,147	7.8	1,327,021	1,270,158	4.5
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.7	19.9	4.0 %	224.1	214.8	4.3 %